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TEAM TO ECUADOR UNDER U.S.-ECUADOR LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

REF: STATE 184040

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO MR. DONALD
JOHNSON, INSTITUTO LIGUISTICO DE VERANO, CASILLA 5080,
QUITO.

MR. DONALD JOHNSON
INSTITUTO LINGUISTICO DE VERANO
CASILLA 5080
QUITO, ECUADOR

DEAR MR. JOHNSON:

FROM 24 SEPTEMBER TO 7 OCTOBER A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS SENT
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BY THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WILL BE IN ECUADOR
TO BEGIN DEVELOPING WITH THE DIRECCION DE DESARROLLO
FORESTAL PLANS FOR AN ECUADORAN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH
STATION TO BE ESTABLISHED IN OR NEAR THE YASUNI RIVER AREA
OF AMAZONIAN ECUADOR. THE PROPOSED RESEARCH STATION IS

BEING PLANNED UNDER BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S.

AND ECUADOR THAT COVERS SEVERAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH PROJECTS.

DURING THE WEEK OF 25-30 SEPTEMBER A TEAM OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PERSONNEL AND ECUADORAN OFFICIALS PLAN TO VISIT THE YASUNI AREA TO FURTHER FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE AREA AND TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE FACILITIES OF THE RESEARCH STATION. SINCE LIMON COCHA IS THE BEST LOCATION FROM WHICH TO BASE THE TEAM'S WORK, THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE THAT THE INSTITUTO LINGUISTICO DE VERANO COULD PROVIDE THE TEAM TO FACILITATE THEIR WORK. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SIX TO EIGHT TEAM MEMBERS TO STAY AT YOUR FACILITIES? THE TEAM WILL TAKE A DC-3 FLIGHT INTO LIMON ON TUESDAY THE 26TH AND PLANS TO LEAVE FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE ALSO CONTACTED ROY GLEASON CONCERNING THE RENTAL OF A HELIOCOURIER FOR AERIAL SURVEYS ON EITHER THE 27TH OR 28TH AND WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS THROUGH YOU FOR EITHER ONE FULL DAY OR HALF OF BOTH DAYS, WHICHEVER IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU.

DR. PEARSON AND I WILL ARRIVE QUITO ON BRANIFF 911 AT 0720 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 20TH AND WILL CONTACT YOU ON THE 21ST OR 22ND TO EXPLAIN OUR PROGRAM IN MORE DETAIL. A LETTER HAS BEEN AIR MAILED OUTLINING THESE PLANS IN FOLLOW-UP TO THIS COMMUNICATION. SINCERELY CURTIS FREESE, U.S.
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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF. CHRISTOPHER

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